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PLEASE PASS TO ABD AL HADI TAHIR FROM STEPHEN W. BOSWORTH

1. I ENJOYED OUR LUNCHEON LAST WEEK AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE WORK OF THE ENERGY COMMISSION. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CLOSE ASSOCIATION AND COLLABORATION OVER THE NEXT MONTHS. WE WILL BEAR A MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE ENERGY DIA-LOGUE, A GOAL TO WHICH BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE COMMITTED.

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2. WE AGREED THAT I SHOULD COMMUNICATE TO YOU MY IDEAS ON

THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMISSION IN ADVANCE OF OUR FEBRUARY 11 MEETING. I BELIEVE WE SHARE THE CONVICTION THAT OUR WORK WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY FACILITATED BY A RAPID RESOLUTION OF AGENDA PROBLEMS IN ORDER THAT WE CAN MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DIALOGUE.

3. I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN HANDLE THE AGENDA QUICKLY IF WE AGREE THAT IT SHOULD BE A NEUTRAL DOCUMENT THAT, WHILE PERMITTING ALL SUBJECTS OF CONCERN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS TO BE DEALT WITH FULLY, DOES NOT PREJUDGE THE RESTS OF OUR WORK. SUCH A RES'LT COULD BE ACHIEVED BY A SHORT AGENDA OUTLINING THE GENERAL AREAS OF OUR WORK. DELEGATIONS OR GROUPS OF DELEGATIO;S COULD PLACE RELEVANT TOPICS THAT

THEY WISH TO DISCUSS UNDER EACH GENERAL SUBJECT HEADING.

4. IT DOES NOT NOW APPEAR THAT ANY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY DELEGATIONS WILL PLAN TO SUBMIT TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ENERGY COMMISSION ANY NEW LISTS OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION SIMILAR TO THOSE RECEIVED FROM THE GROUP OF 1; COUNTRIES. THE 'NITED STATES DID OF COURSE SUBMIT IN OCTOER A LIST OF TOPICS WHICH DENOTES IN GENERAL TERMS THOSE AREAS OF GREATEST CONCERN TO US AND, WE BELTEVE, THE OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED HATIONS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SU0MIT OTHER LISTS OF TOPICS LATER SHOULD THAT APPEAR DESIRABLE.

5. AS I MENTIONED TO YOU IN PARIS, WE BELIEVE IT ESSEN- TIAL THAT THE COMMISSION UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE, OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT GLOBAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND HOIT IS AFFECTED BY CHANGES TN THE WORLD ENERGY MARKET. SUCH AN ANALYSIS WILL PERMIT US TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND TO WORK TOWARD CONSENSUS ON AN OVER- ALL OBJECTIVE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH WE CAN EXAMINE TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ONE OR MORE DELEGATIONS AND POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION. HOWEVER, WE NEED NOT COMPLETE ALL ASPECTS OF THIS OVERALL ANALYSIS BEFORE TAKING UP OTHER SUBJECTS. WE WOULD WISH TO GIVE IT A CERTAIH PRIORITY, BUT IT COULD PROCEED IN PARALLEL WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF OUR WORK PROGRAM.

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6. AS 'E AGREED IN PARIS, THE ORDER IN WHICH VARIOUS TOPICS ARE ADDRESSED WILL BE AN IMPORTANT POINT FOR DISCUSSION IN THE FIRST MEETING. BUT I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT E CAN RESOLVE THIS WITHOUT GREAT DIFFICULTY, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ADDRESS TWO OR MORE SUBJECTS IN EACH MEETING.

7. FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, I AM INCLUDING ON A PERSONAL BASIS AN ILLUSTRATIVE AGENDA THAT IS FORMULATED ALONG THE LINES I HAVE MENTIONED:

-- ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN THE WORLD ENERGY MARKET ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE WORLD.

-- ANALYSIS OF THE ROLE OF ENERGY IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRIES IN THE PROCESS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION.

-- ANALYSIS OF THE PRESENT CONDITIONS AND SHORT AND LONG TERM FUTURE PROSPECTS OF ENERGY DEMAND AND SUPPLY ON A WORLD SCALE, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

-- AREAS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF ENERGY WITH A VIEW TO INCREASE ENERGY PRODUCTION:

-- RATIONAL UTILIZATION OF ENERGY, INCLUDING EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

-- OPTIMAL USE OF EXISTING ENERGY SOURCES

-- DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES AND FORMS OF ENERGY

-- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY.

-- SECURITY OF THE SUPPLY OF ENERGY AND OF ENERGY MARKETS.

-- THE FORMATION OF WORLD MARKET PRICES OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF ENERGY, AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORLD ECONOMY, TO DEVELOPMENT AND TO INVESTMENT.
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-- CONCLUSIONS AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE CONFERENCE IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY.

I WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THIS ILLUSTRATIVE AGENDA.

8. WITH REGARD TO OUR DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AS AN AD HOC OBSERVER IN THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION, I AGREE THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. I SUGGEST WE MIGHT EACH REPLY INDIVIDUALLY TO THE IAEA ACKNOWLEDGING THIS REQUEST AND INDICATING THAT WE WILL JOINTLY RECOMMEND TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AT ITS FIRST MEETING TO ACCORD SUCH AD HOC OBSERVER STATUS

TO THAT AGENCY. IT COULD THEN BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OR, IF APPROPRIATE, TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REMAINDER OF OUR FIRST SESSION. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO LIMIT PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS TO THE THREE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUGGESTED IN OUR JANUARY 26-27 MEETING OF CO-CHAIRMEN.

9. I AM NOW PLANNING TO ARRIVE IN PARIS ON FEBRUARY 10. I SUGGEST WE MIGHT PLAN TO MEET BRIEFLY IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF THAT DAY OR EARLY IN THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 11 BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE COMMISSION MEETING.

10. AGAIN, LET ME STATE MY PLEASURE OF HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU OVER THE NEXT MONTHS AND MY BELIEF THAT TOGETHER WE CAN CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO A SUCCESSFUL ENERGY DIALOGUE, WHICH IS, OF COURSE, THE RESULT OF A PERCEPTIVE INITIATIVE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO. INGERSOLL

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